

***Business Area # 1:  
East Cambridge/Galleria***

***Boundaries:*** bordered by Somerville, the Charles River, and the B&A Railroad

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: The Galleria, Restaurants and retail shops on First Street, restaurants and retail shops on Cambridge Street between #1 and #700, industrial and retail establishments on Bent, Binney, Hurley, and Thorndike Streets.



*Cambridgeside Galleria*

There were three **commercial robberies** recorded in the Galleria/East Cambridge business district during the first six months of 2003. Two of the incidents at an O'Brien Highway gas station can be traced to the same suspect. This gun brandishing robber can be linked to nearly twenty gas station stick-ups in Eastern Massachusetts over the past nine months. A Cambridge Street furniture store was held up just after opening on a Friday morning in May. Commercial robberies have been on a downward spiral in the business district since 1995. East Cambridge/Galleria averaged over 20 robberies annually between 1990 and 1995. Over the past six years, there have been nineteen commercial robberies in Business District #1.? **Commercial burglary** totals decreased dramatically in this business area between January and June of 2003. Three of the six commercial breaks registered in East Cambridge over the first two quarters of the year involved after-hour thefts at the Galleria Mall. Four local juveniles were arrested and charged for one of the incidents. The construction site breaks along O'Brien Highway that plagued this area in 2002 have not been a problem this year.? Eighty percent of the **larceny from persons** in this business area were at the Galleria Mall. The majority of these incidents were at the Mall Foodcourt on weekend afternoons between 4PM and 6PM with the predominant modus operandi of the thieves being the theft of wallets from purses of diners.? The long-standing trend of arrests by private security at two or three of the anchor stores at the Galleria Mall, accounting for over forty percent of the **shoplifting** collars citywide, continued over the first six months of 2003.? Laptops thefts from research offices and other types of **larceny from buildings** are on the decline in this business district.

CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	43	35	-19%
Larceny from Person	15	17	+13%
Commercial Burglary	14	6	-57%
Commercial Robbery	5	3	-40%
Shoplifting	79	67	-15%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	48	32	-33%